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1. Between 10 and 15 February 1952, the Pionier Kaserne on the south side of Selauerstrasse, Weissenfels (M 52/J 99), was occupied by 1,100 to 1,300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 30 percent of the troops were recruits. T-34 tanks [ ] were seen at the installation. [ ] groups of 20 to 60 soldiers with rifles, submachine guns and, occasionally with machine guns, that marched from the Pionier Kaserne to the firing ranges. Joint combat practice with tanks, which stressed the offensive, was held at the training area near the firing ranges prior to 9 February. [ ] the units in the Pionier Kaserne and in the Infanterie Kaserne jointly held night exercises between 14 and 19 January. Training after 19 January was alternately shifted from day to night. 25X1

2. Between 10 and 15 February, the Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Selauerstrasse was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Except for five bays, the large wooden garages were occupied by tanks and trucks. A number of young officers and soldiers were newly observed in the installation after the beginning of February. Three units of 30 to 40 men each were seen falling in between the quarters on 9 February. 25X1

3. The German charwomen, janitors and firemen who were employed in the Soviet billets on Thornerstrasse were discharged on 1 February. T-34 tanks [ ] coming from the direction of Naumburg (M 52/J 89), were observed on Naumburgerstrasse on 7 February. On 9 February, [ ] the troops would move to a large camp located in the woods on 25 February. A motorcycle section of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was billeted at 2 to 4 Thornerstrasse. The section was referred to as a "small unit" by Soviet personnel. 25X1

4. [ ] a column of 20 tanks and trucks [ ] occupied to capacity by soldiers 25X1

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left Weissenfels for the camp in the woods near Naumburg on 13 February.  
Colonel Shevchenko (fnu) was identified with the column. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] still other troops left Weissenfels on trucks on 15 February.

[REDACTED] all troops from

Weissenfels were to move to the camp in the woods by 15 February. [REDACTED]

\* [REDACTED] Comment. The information indicates that the Pionier Kaserne and the  
Infanterie Kaserne on Selauerstrasse are still occupied by components of  
the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The units are the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the 174th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt; and the  
unidentified guards reconnaissance battalion. Colonel Shevchenko (fnu) was

[REDACTED] also in January 1952. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] regarding the departure of tank units  
were confirmed by observations made by [REDACTED] a report on  
rail movements by [REDACTED]. It appears that tank battalions of the  
57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div started rotating to a troop training grounds,  
probably Kindel, for short training cycles at the beginning of February.  
The units departed by rail from the Naumburg railroad station. Tanks  
were also reported to have returned to Weissenfels from the direction of  
Naumburg. [REDACTED]

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